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Xanthine derivatives, the preparation thereof and their use as

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This communication is in reponse to the Office Action dated 12/20/2002. Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application in view of the amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

Also provided herewith is a petition and fee for 3 month extension of time such that the due date for response shall be 6/20/2003.